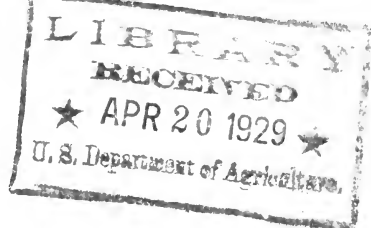


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## Greeting

To our fast-growing circle of friends, we are happy to repeat our annual greetings, with hearty good wishes for an ever-increasing success in our common hobby—the Quest of Better Dahlias.

This year our business has reached a serious crisis. We had developed the first of our own originations—two lovely pink Dahlias, both exceptionally free from insect attack. We had a remarkably fine list of importations to offer. We had ordered color plates for use in the A. D. S. Bulletin and in our current catalogue. On the threshold of a year we had reason to expect would be by far the greatest we had ever experienced, the city authorities saw fit to seize and condemn the greater part of our “Acre of Dahlias” for a school site. We have left only a small corner plot, too small to be of any value even as a show-garden. Furthermore, it is most unlikely that we will receive any payment from the city in time to enable us to find and purchase a new location this year. In order to carry over our stock, we have made temporary arrangements to plant some distance out on Long Island, until we are ready to settle in a permanent home. We have disposed of the greater part of our stock, and are now offering our old friends a brief list of the very newest and finest varieties.

For the present, kindly address all mail to our residence address, as below.

FRED VON RODECK

1465 East 9th Street

Brooklyn, N. Y.

# Flatbush Dahlias



We are pleased to Offer

the First of

Our Own Originations



In three years we have never seen any sign of insect molestation on any plant of these varieties. Some growers claim that large leaved varieties or dark green foliage is immune from insects.

This observation is only partly correct. If the large leaved varieties or the dark green foliage have *bitter juice*, the bugs go elsewhere.

In speaking of insects, of course, we realize that borers are always more or less of a bother—find them and kill them! Then that's the end of them till next year. What we referred to above was the flying and sucking insects that are responsible for so much of what is usually called stunt. If you are bothered in this way, *taste* your Dahlias. You will find the bitter ones are safe. The sweet ones may as well be discarded.

**Flatbush Darling.** It is a strange coincidence that pink has always been our favorite color, and now that we are introducing the first of our own originations, they are both a very lovely shade of

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pink. The illustrations, although color photographs, are deceiving, for the high lights indicate shadings which do not exist. **Flatbush Darling** is a clear even shade of pure pink from tip of petal to the heart of the flower, fading only at the very base of the petal to a clear white. Flowers have been left on the bush the *entire season* without any sign of showing an open center. Although not a monster, good sized flowers, averaging 6 to 7 inches under ordinary care, will be produced abundantly the entire season. Every flower is held gracefully erect on strong, well proportioned stems. Foliage and habit always clean and vigorous. **Flatbush Darling** is one variety that has very bitter juice, and therefore has no charms or attraction for insects.

Price per Tuber - - - - \$10.00

**Pink Cockatoo** is another variety that has no attraction for insects. Leaves of Flatbush Darling are smooth and bitter. Leaves of Pink Cockatoo are fuzzy and bitter. The result is the same. The bugs go elsewhere. Six to seven inch flowers are carried directly on top of long straight stems, stiff as a ramrod. The color is a lovely shade of lavender pink, very similar to the old favorite, Mariposa. Form is most unusual, the petals hanging straight down very like the feathers on a bird's neck, which suggested the name. Habit tall, giving a very striking impression.

Price per Tuber - - - - \$7.50





Flatbush Darling



## New Imported Varieties

DAILY MIRROR, Stredwick

Tubers, \$5.00

Although classed as a decorative by the originator, this remarkable dahlia will probably be considered in this country as a hybrid cactus. The petals, broad at the base, are bluntly pointed. Color, deep rosy lilac. The giant flowers are carried well on remarkably fine stems.

HERA (*Decorative*), Holland

Tubers, \$5.00

Large round petalled decorative of a clean pale lavender. The lovely flowers are held proudly erect on stiff but yet graceful stems. This is generally expected to become extremely popular as a high class cut flower.

MARY MURRAY (*Cactus*), Stredwick

Tubers, \$3.00

This most unusual Dahlia has very stiff, straight narrow petals of a striking shade of flaming orange. The numerous medium sized flowers are held erect on hard wiry stems.

MARY SEGAR (*Cactus*), Stredwick

Tubers, \$3.00

We consider this the best clear yellow cactus Dahlia we have seen. Color, form, stems and habit are all that could be desired. No collection of cactus dahlias is complete without this. A real acquisition.

PRESTIGE (*Decorative*), Stredwick

Tubers, \$3.00

The one outstanding feature of this variety is the color. The brightest clear glowing orange we have seen in any dahlia. A low bushy plant carrying the large well-formed flowers stiffly erect, all about three feet high. A real gem.

RED EMPEROR (*Decorative*), Carlee

Pot roots only, \$3.00

Claimed by the originator to grow to a diameter of ten inches. Although not fully acclimated and not as large as expected, the color, an intense deep scarlet, is all that could be expected, and the stems are unusually fine. This will certainly be a remarkably fine variety for cutting.

SIGNOOR (*Cactus*), Nagels

Tubers, \$2.00

The size of this Belgian dahlia is really amazing when well grown. Very deep blood red, petals of a velvety texture, the flowers are held erect on very good stems.

THOMAS HAY, V.M.H. (*Decorative*), Stredwick

Tubers, \$5.00

In this variety we offer a real giant. The wonder of it is that such an enormous flower can be so beautiful. The perfect decorative type, the pure clear lilac color, the soft satin texture all combine to produce a truly delightful flower, which is held stiffly erect on first class stems. It is also the most free blooming of all the large flowered varieties. We are very proud to offer this, and feel sure it will be enthusiastically welcomed everywhere.

W. D. CARTWRIGHT (*H. C.*), Stredwick, Pot roots only, \$6.00

Once more we will have to say that this is a distinct type. Large loose petaled flowers of a deep orange gold,—the illustration does not begin to do justice to the color. The flowers when fully matured generally show an open center on the bush during exposure to bright sunlight, but curl back as soon as the sun leaves them, and if cut, will stay curled up for several days without showing their center. We have often noticed this tendency in cactus varieties, but never so distinctly emphasized. The profusion of bloom, remarkably fine stems, vigorous habit and complete freedom from insects, all combine to make this a real joy to any true Dahlia lover.



W. D. Cartwright



## General List

ADLER (*Decorative*), Ansorge Tubers, \$1.00

Pure, snow-white flowers averaging 6 inches or more in diameter, held stiffly erect on long stems well above a low, stocky, vigorous bush. The perfect decorative form is distinguished by peculiar crinkly petals, giving a most unusual effect.

ANDREAS HOFER (*Cactus*), Germany Tubers, \$1.50

A very lovely dahlia of medium size, opening delicate cream which shades to a lovely clear pink as the flower develops, with center remaining creamy yellow. Especially effective for basket decorations.

BARBARA WEAR (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$7.50

One of Jessie Seal's 1928 Introductions, winner of the Garden and Home Achievement Medal in 1927. Color, soft and pleasing shade of pinkish lavender; large flowers are carried well upon very fine long stems.

BERENGARIA (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$3.50

This very fine variety we believe was the forerunner of the remarkable group of new English Decorative Dahlias which we feel should and will share equally in popularity with our own best American originations. Rich yellow overcast with brown shadings.

BOHEMIA (*Hybrid Decorative*) Tubers, \$ .75

A glowing crimson dahlia of medium size, averaging four to five inches across if disbudded. We believe this to be the best selling red commercial variety in the New York market at the present time. For keeping qualities, it has OUTLASTED ANY OTHER VARIETY GROWN, in open competition at the A. D. S. Show in New York, September, 1923.

CARNIVAL (*Decorative*), Barker Tubers, \$7.50

In form and habit this novelty is a reminder of good old Judge Marean at its best. In color we consider it a great improvement on Jersey's Beacon. Light red, with creamy reverse, but brighter, clearer and more striking. We feel this will soon be generally recognized as one of the very best of all cut flowers, as well as a prize winner, in any company.

CHARLOTTE LAFRENZ (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$7.50

One of the largest, loveliest and most graceful of Jessie Seal's offerings. From a base color of light golden yellow, the petals deepen gradually until they approach a rich apricot shade toward the tips. To see these flowers held so proudly erect on their delicate but wiry stems is a sight worth going a long way to see.

CONDOR (*Decorative*), Germany Tubers, \$2.50

Very attractive medium sized flower, perfectly formed with petals curling to a point. Color, dark blackish red, of a velvety texture unusual among Dahlias.

COUNTESS OF LONSDALE (*Hybrid Cactus*) Tubers, \$ .75

Beautifully formed medium-sized flowers of old rose, shaded salmon, produced freely on low growing stocky bushes. Probably the oldest hybrid cactus variety on the market, but still highly desirable both for garden and cutting.

EASTERN STAR (*Decorative*), Dahliadel Tubers, \$2.00

A remarkably fine vigorous variety with the large perfect flowers of deep golden yellow contrasting with the healthy dark green foliage to produce a plant of remarkable beauty.

EDNA FERBER (*Hybrid Cactus*), F. & M. Tubers, \$5.00

Another novelty we cannot praise too highly. Color may be described as a clear shade of salmon-orange; flowers were large, beautifully formed, and borne in profusion during entire season. One of the best.

ELITE GLORY (*Decorative*), Kennedy Tubers, \$3.50

In describing this dahlia, comparisons are impossible. We can only say that this is the forerunner of an entirely new race of dahlias. The perfectly formed flowers of a bright blood-red, have been grown to a diameter of over sixteen inches. The entire bush is as sturdy as an oak tree. The branches may break, but never bend.

ELLINOR VANDERVEER (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$1.50

Without doubt, this is the finest variety introduced in 1925. Similar in type to I. der ver Warner, this new variety is even larger, and a beautiful shade of true light pink. Clean vigorous plants of erect habit, holding flowers high on perfect stems. A sensation wherever grown.

EMIL PANUSKI (*Show*) Tubers, \$ .75

This variety resembles in color the old decorative "Le Grand Manitou," being striped maroon on light lavender ground occasionally sporting to a solid maroon flower. The form, however, is a perfect show of the largest size growing on vigorous bushes which carry the blooms on stiff stems well above the foliage.



FLAMING METEOR (*Decorative*), Barker Tubers, \$3.50

A most unusual Dahlia, color flaming orange scarlet, form very unusual, straight petals curling back slightly, and carried stiffly erect on long straight stems.

GEORGE W. GERO (*Show*) Tubers, \$ .75

One of the newer show varieties, whose color, we believe, the finest clear rose pink yet produced in a show dahlia.

GLORIA (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$2.50

Large flowers of uniform velvety crimson freely carried, stoutly erect, well above the foliage. The early frosts treated this variety kindly, and it was still in full bloom after most of the garden was dead.

GOLDEN ACRE (*Hybrid Cactus*), Peck Tubers, \$6.00

This charming origination from Ohio is far more attractive than the colored illustration recently shown in the A. D. S. Bulletin. The rich golden yellow petals are most gracefully curled and twisted. Flowers are carried facing on the straightest and stiffest of stems.

GOLDEN EMBLEM (*Hybrid*), White Tubers, \$3.00

A most unusual dahlia, which we hesitate to classify. Although it is not a true decorative, it is surely not any other ordinary type, hence we are forced to compromise by calling it hybrid. We agree with the originator's description as follows: clear golden yellow, without trace of any other color. The huge flowers, 9 to 10 inches across, are of the most artistic and refined form imaginable, with high centers and long wavy recurving petals. Blooms are erect on long wiry stems, far above the foliage.

GOLDEN FLEECE (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$4.00

One of the finest of 1926 introductions. Described by the introducer as: a magnificent blossom of a rich creamy golden yellow with a satiny sheen, showing a suggestion of pink in the veining on the reverse side of the petals. One of the fullest of blooms, of an unusually beautiful formation. Held high above a medium tall bush.

GOLDEN QUEEN (*Hybrid Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$1.50

Beautifully formed flowers of pure golden yellow, carried facing, but stiffly erect on long, wiry stems. Early blooms are large—from 7 to 8 inches across, but are produced so freely as to require severe disbudding. If properly disbudded, the blooms continue large to the end of the season.

JACK HOBBS (*Hybrid Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$3.50

Although this variety is classed as a Decorative by the originator, we find it much nearer to cactus than decorative and therefore class it as a hybrid. This is one of the finest whites we have seen; in our gardens last year it far surpassed any other, although we were growing several generally known and justly popular whites of American origin. The color is generally pure white, but occasionally shows a faint creamy shade in the center. Many nine inch flowers were found, without any special forcing.

JANE COWL (*Decorative*), Downs Tubers, \$10.00

We consider this wonderful new Dahlia an acquisition of the greatest value. It belongs in a class with Elite Glory, which it resembles in habit and vigor of growth. Color is a blend of buff and old gold, deepening toward the center. We cannot recommend this too highly.

JERSEY'S BEAUTY (*Decorative*), Waite Tubers, \$1.00

Recognized by all as the finest large pink dahlia in existence. The flowers are not only gorgeous in color, but perfect in form, and borne on long stiff straight stems. A profuse bloomer and a splendid keeper when cut.

KITTY ROGERS (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$2.50

Although not new, we are offering this variety now for the first time, our stock being very limited last year. Full rounded heavy petaled flower of large size, tinted with the faintest of pink, shading almost to white. Stiffest of stems hold the flowers erect and facing at all times.

MAID MARIAN (*Hybrid Cactus*), Mastick Tubers, \$4.00

A large flower of a lovely shade of clear rose pink, fading to white at base of petals. Petals curled and twisted in a most unusual and attractive manner. Plants and foliage vigorous, with good stems holding up the flowers gracefully.

MABEL LAWRENCE (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$5.00

We are happy to offer in this variety the largest and one of the finest varieties ever imported. The flowers in size are about the equal of Elite Glory, but the color is a deeper, richer blood-red, and the form is always perfect. Although we have had one or two plants broken off at the base by wind storms, there has never been a single flower whose stem failed to hold it stiffly erect at all times.

MANDALAY (*Hybrid Cactus*), Jost Tubers, \$ .75

Extremely free-flowing variety, producing an abundance of "butterfly like flowers of tawny gold, shading to amber at the center with bronze reflex." This flower reminds us irresistibly of the blazing sun on the Japanese Imperial flag.

MARMION (*Decorative*), Mastick Tubers, \$4.00

We had heard many fine reports of this variety, but when we saw it growing, it surpassed all that had been said about it. Flowers of great size, carried on long, cane-like stems. Color, rich golden yellow with deeper bronze shadings toward the tips and on the opening center petals. Formation is of the finest, and flowers keep well, either on the bush or in water.

MRS. ALFRED HUGHES (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$1.50

A pure white cactus dahlia which we consider an improvement on the older and very popular variety, Silverhill Park, from the same originator.

MRS. CHARLES CHASE (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$1.00

A very beautiful medium sized flower of true pink. Carried stiffly erect on long slender stems, it is ideal for cutting.

MRS. E. L. LINDSAY (*Decorative*), Broomall Tubers, \$1.00

The gorgeous scarlet and gold coloring of the well-known "Geisha," reproduced in an enormous full-centered decorative. Three blooms nine inches across were cut at one time from the same bush. Stems long and stiff. Keep well when cut.

NAGELS ROEM (*Cactus*), Nagels Tubers, \$2.50

When we first exhibited this variety at the New York Show in 1926, it was generally acclaimed as the most beautiful Dahlia ever imported. While on the bush, it is a lovely shade of shrimp pink, delicately overlaid on a yellow ground. It reaches its greatest perfection, however, several hours after cutting, the flowers expanding in water, and the color changing; the pink becomes much deeper toward the tips of the petals, leaving the center a beautiful clear yellow. Stems, foliage, and keeping qualities are all that can be desired. This is one of the few Dahlias which mark a distinct step nearer perfection.

NATURE'S JEWEL (*Hybrid Cactus*), Beatrice Tubers, \$7.50

A most delicate shade of orchid pink, of so clear a texture that light seems to be shining through the petals. The large flowers are freely produced on short stocky bushes.

NATURE'S MASTERPIECE (*Decorative*), White Tubers, \$8.00

The color of this new Oregon creation is difficult to describe. It reminds us somewhat of Mrs. Eleanor Martin, being similarly shaded in the brownish red tints sometimes called plum, or mulberry, but showing only the reds and browns, and none of the bluish tints sometimes appearing in the older variety. Strong, vigorous habit, carrying the large well formed flowers stiffly erect and well above the foliage.

OHIO GLORY (*Hybrid Cactus*), Peck Tubers, \$3.00

Sent to us for trial by Mr. Peck, this variety delighted us by being all that the name implies—truly an "Ohio Glory." The gracefully curled petals produce a large flower of deep rich rosy purple. It might be described as resembling the old favorite Mariposa, but larger, deeper color, more robust and vigorous.

OLIVE REED (*Decorative*), Seal Tubers, \$5.00

A truly massive Dahlia, of a clear pure shade of yellow, so fully double that the petals are crowded backward to meet at the stem, forming a golden ball, carried stiffly erect on strong rigid stems.

PAPILLON (*Hybrid Cactus*), Boston Tubers, \$1.00

One which has been grown successfully everywhere and has been in many prize-winning collections. Color, a beautiful deep shade of old rose with golden lights. An incessant bloomer carried gracefully erect on long strong branches.

PRIMULA REX (*Decorative*), Broomall Tubers, \$5.00

This is one of the few Dahlias that we are glad to describe in the exact words of the originator, for it is all that he claims, and more. It is very light cream or primrose color—one of the BEST DECORATIVE DAHLIAS IN EXISTENCE. The flowers are immense with every good quality, far ahead of anything in its class and color.

RING OUZEL (*Cactus*), Stredwick Tubers, \$3.00

A distinct addition to the cactus group, being one of the few we have found having a thoroughly satisfactory stem. They are always held stiffly erect as the best decorative type. Large flowers of an unusual shade of clear bright maroon.

ROLLO BOY (*Hybrid Cactus*), Pelicano Tubers, \$1.50

A most graceful and artistic flower, of golden yellow with amber shadings. Good sized flower, carried well on strong but graceful stems.

- ROYCROFT (*Hybrid Cactus*), Mastick Tubers, \$2.00  
 Described by the originator as "one of the spiky Dahlias, almost star-shaped; of large size, excellent form, and never showing an open center. Foliage seems to be absolutely insect-proof." Unusual coloring, which we would describe as a clear coppery russet.
- SAGAMORE (*Decorative*), Badetty Tubers, \$1.50  
 A first-class vigorous bush, producing quantities of huge perfectly formed deep golden yellow blooms. Stems and keeping qualities combine to make this one of the best cut-flower varieties now grown.
- SALMONEA (*Decorative*), Holland Tubers, \$1.50  
 Clear salmon color with deeper shadings at base. A beautiful flower of good size and form, which will give satisfaction wherever grown.
- SANHICAN GEM (*Decorative*), Fisher & Masson Tubers, \$1.50  
 One of the best varieties ever introduced by F. & M. The color is a beautiful clear shade, but hard to describe. It can best be imagined as a pinkish amber or a yellowish salmon. Tall vigorous bushes produce a fair quantity of perfectly formed flowers, 8 to 9 inches across.
- SANTA ANNA (*Decorative*), Pelicano Tubers, \$3.00  
 One of the most beautiful flowers in our entire garden. Color described as salmon-rose suffused with gold, but must be seen to be appreciated. Classed as Hybrid Cactus by the originator, it showed only slight traces of cactus with us, the petals being so broad and the flower so well filled that we had to class it as decorative.
- SHEILA WARD (*Decorative*), Stredwick Tubers, \$3.50  
 Another English giant that we can recommend. One of the largest, as well as one of the most beautiful. Flower clear primrose yellow, with every petal heavily tipped pure white. Form, stem and habit are all of the best.
- SHIRLEY EILEEN SHATTUCK, Murphy Tubers, \$5.00  
 Differences of opinion as to classification of Dahlias are frequent. This is neither decorative nor cactus. We should say it resembles most nearly an immense straight-petaled aster. Color is rosy-lilac, and the large blooms are held erect on low stocky bushes. Very distinct.
- SILVERADO (*Cactus*), Seal Tubers, \$5.00  
 A real triumph of size, form and coloring. The tremendous flowers of a most perfect flat petaled cactus type, shade gradually from white at the tips of the petals to a distinct delicate silvery lavender. Plant, foliage and stems were all equally fine. Everyone who saw this wanted it.

SUP'T AMRHYN (*Show*) Tubers, \$1.00

The best of many recent offerings in its color. Rich lavender pink, carried freely on good stems. A real good show dahlia.

STARLIGHT, Boston Tubers, \$15.00

One of Bessie Boston's best 1928 novelties, described by her as a huge flower of pure unshaded gold, with tall robust bushes always laden with perfect center flowers. Although classed by her as a hybrid cactus, it seemed to us to be more of a loose-petaled decorative.

T. A. LEONARD (*Decorative*), Boston Tubers, \$1.00

An attractive variety of a deep carmine rose. One of the most persistent bloomers we have, producing quantities of flowers from July to November. The large flowers with their unusual formation never fail to win attention.

VALENTINO (*Decorative*), Boston Tubers, \$10.00

Another of Bessie Boston's 1928 offerings. Color is salmon pink shading to cream at the center, held erect by long upright stems growing out of a bush of medium height.

WALDHEIM SUNSHINE, Peacock Tubers, \$15.00

True deep yellow sometimes described as "Hybrid Decorative." Claimed to be the largest and finest yellow, as well as the best color under artificial light.

WATCHUNG SUNRISE (*Decorative*), Smith Tubers, \$6.00

Large flowers of distinct and unusual form. Carried stiffly erect on top of the stem, with the petals dropping straight down. Color at center is creamy yellow, deepening toward the center of petals, until the tips are deeply shaded with pinkish orange.

WELTFRIEDEN (*Hybrid Cactus*) Tubers, \$ .75

One of the newer European introductions. A white hybrid cactus of exquisite form and medium size ideal for a white cut-flower variety.

ZEUS (*Decorative*), Peacock Tubers, \$1.50

This is a really gorgeous dahlia, which can best be described by comparison with the well-known Mephistopheles. Although similar in form, it is a much fuller flower; although tipped with yellow, the rest of the flower is a pure deep scarlet. And finally, it affords a contrast, as it is a vigorous, quick-growing, free-blooming variety, which last was never claimed for Mephistopheles, even by its best friends.

## PLEASE READ BEFORE ORDERING

*Order Early.* Our stock is extremely limited this year. Many who delay will be disappointed. Orders will be accepted subject to prior sale, and it will be strictly a case of first come first served.

*We Never Substitute,* unless directed. We like to receive what we order, and believe our customers want the same treatment. We will promptly refund the money for any order we are unable to fill.

*Guaranty.* We guarantee all stock true to name, and to arrive in growing condition. We will cheerfully replace any that prove otherwise, if notified promptly.

*Shipping.* All orders will be shipped about May 10, unless otherwise requested. Please be sure to write *Name* and *Address Distinctly*.

*Terms.* We prepay *all* delivery charges, and must request payment in full before orders are shipped.

*Classification.* As growers disagree on the type of many varieties of Dahlias, we have preferred to classify all our varieties alphabetically, so that the reader need look in only one place for the desired variety. The type in each case is described as accurately as possible.

*Green Plants.* The difference of opinion as to the value of green plants seems to remain as great as ever. Many dealers swear by green plants, many others swear at them. Several years ago we came to the conclusion that the sale of green plants was not profitable either for buyer or seller. As we have had no reason to change this opinion in the slightest degree, we offer only tubers, and believe they will give far more satisfaction.

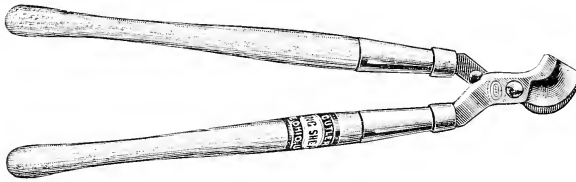
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**NITROPHOSKA.** A *complete* concentrated plant food. Up to the present time we have found nothing to compare with this new highly concentrated fertilizer. Although three or four times as powerful as ordinary good fertilizer, the price is very reasonable in proportion, and it is therefore far more economical as well as convenient. Using about a pound to 12 or 15 Dahlia plants, it will produce clean, well balanced growth, and fine healthy root development. This is probably a first-class fertilizer for all purposes; it is certainly ideal for Dahlias. Analysis 15-30-15.

Prices: 1 lb. 35c; 5 lb. \$1.25; 25 lb. \$4.00; 100 lb. \$12.00

Postpaid: 1 lb. 50c; 5 lb. \$1.45; larger packages should be shipped by express or freight.



**LONG HANDLED PRUNING OR LOPPING SHEARS.** This tool, when first used, was a revelation to us. Formerly we dug clumps of Dahlias easily enough, and then crippled our hands with numerous cuts and blisters in trying to cut off the stems. Now this is a thing of the past, for with the above shears, there was no more effort required to cut the hardest Dahlia stems, over two inches thick, than is ordinarily needed to cut a single flower. We would not be without one at any price. Well made, of the best materials, they should last a life-time. Size, 25 inches over all. Price, delivered anywhere in U.S.A. - \$2.50

For storing Dahlia roots, or packing for shipment, we have found nothing to compare with **GRANULATED PEAT MOSS**. Although we have used sand, ashes, sawdust, and ordinary garden soil, all with more or less success, we have found **PEAT MOSS** cleaner, lighter, and more convenient in every way, and are using it exclusively both for storage and shipping. Per bale (F.O.B. New York) - - - \$4.00





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